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To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to the Draft M.O.U. being proposed by the FDA. In particular, I object to the definition of "inordinate amount" which restricts the availability and the right to obtain medically necessary compounded medications by limiting the number of prescriptions that can be shipped across state lines from specialized compounding pharmacies.

My wife has used compounded prescriptions for three years and they have relieved her of MAJOR perimenopausal symptoms, especially anxiety. The compounded medication alleviates symptoms that her doctor had wanted to prescribe tranquilizers for. It also has controlled her bleeding. Her doctor now TOTALLY SUPPORTS her use, as well as many of his other patients, of compounded prescriptions.

PMS and perimenopausal symptoms have always been an important health issue for my wife and for me as her husband. Why would the FDA even consider taking away HER CHOICE, as well as her Doctor's for how she wants to be treated for her perimenopausal symptoms?

Sincerely,

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